

10 922447 PATENT  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DT01 Rec'd PCT/PTC 19 JAN 2005

Applicants: Rex E. Blakeman and Don S. Rawlings  
For: Rear View Mirror with Snap Connection  
Docket No. 71486-0087



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The references listed on the attached Form PTO-SB08 are submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99 in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Copies of the listed references are enclosed herewith.

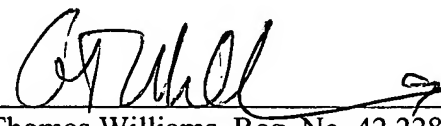
The submission of the accompanying information is not intended to imply that more pertinent prior disclosures may not exist, nor is it an admission by Applicants that any one or more of the documents submitted herewith form a part of the scope and content of the prior art.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex E. Blakeman and Don S. Rawlings

Dated: Jan 19, 2005

  
G. Thomas Williams, Reg. No. 42,228  
McGARRY BAIR PC  
171 Monroe Avenue, N.W., Suite 600  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503  
616-742-3500

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/522447
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Rex E. Blakeman
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	71486-0087

Sheet 1 of 2

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
		US- 6,443,580	09-03-2002	Rommel	
		US- 6,439,730	08-27-2002	Foote et al.	
		US- 6,416,208	07-09-2002	Pastrick et al.	
		US- 6,406,170	06-18-2002	Abalos et al.	
		US- 6,347,872	02-19-2002	Brechbill et al.	
		US- 6,299,333	10-09-2001	Pastrick et al.	
		US- 6,276,821	08-21-2001	Pastrick et al.	
		US- 6,264,338	07-24-2001	MacFarland et al.	
		US- 6,254,242	07-03-2001	Henion et al.	
		US- 6,224,220	05-01-2001	Duroux et al.	
		US- 6,176,602	01-23-2001	Pastrick et al.	
		US- 6,149,287	11-21-2000	Pastrick et al.	
		US- 6,124,886	09-26-2000	DeLine et al.	
		US- 6,050,537	04-18-2000	Fimeri	
		US- 5,721,646	02-24-1998	Catlin et al.	
		US- 5,331,471	07-19-1994	Gilbert	
		US- 5,313,336	05-17-1994	Sakao et al.	
		US- 4,881,418	11-21-1989	Fimeri	
		US- 4,856,885	08-15-1989	Fimeri	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		DE20117559	01-17-2002	Reitter & Schefenacker		
		EP0535993	04-07-1993	BRITAX		
		EP1170174	01-09-2002	BUHLER		
		WO 0069685	11-23-2000	IKU HOLDING		

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

***(Use as many sheets as necessary)***

**Complete if Known**

ete if Known  
10/522447

Application Number

Filing Date

First Named Inventor

Rex E. Blakeman
-----------------

Art Unit	
----------	--

Examiner Name

Attorney Docket Number

71486-0087
------------

Sheet	2	of	2
-------	---	----	---

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

**Examiner  
Signature**

Date  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**

**If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.**